

Whitfields to lead Labor Day Parade

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Wayne and Donna Whitfield have been involved with the I.V. Lions Club for many years, doing their part to contribute to the community. Because of their deep devotion to the club and the community, the I.V. Lions Club is honoring them as Grand Marshalls for this year's Labor Day parade.

The I.V. Lions took over the Jubilee Festival back in 1975 renaming it the Labor Day Festival. The festival is now put on in appreciation of the community and the support the Lions receive all year long. The I.V. Lions Club itself was established in 1945 and has been going strong for the last 65 years.

For the past 16 years Wayne has raised approximately \$60,000 for the scholarship program that the club sponsors. Some of that money has been Wayne's own personal contribution from a barbeque that he used to

hold during the Labor Day Festival. All of the money made from the barbeque was donated to the scholarship program.

The scholarship program was developed to help those seniors in high school who want to go to college but do not have the means to do so or to get started. Any students wishing to be eligible for the program have to submit an application and essay explaining why they should be considered for the scholarship. The board members not only consider the applications and essays but they also look at the student's grades, after-school activities and what the student does when school is not in session.

All of the applications and essays that are received by the I.V. Lions Club are reviewed by the Lion's board and the essay and or essays best fitting the requirements receive the scholarship.

Donna has been involved for the last 12 years organizing the talent portion of the festival. She became involved when she submitted a

request for a festival event that was more family orientated. Thus the talent show was born and has been a favorite of the festival since its debut 12 years ago. The Whitfields also provide the entertainment for the Labor Day Festival which consist of not only the talent show but live music, karaoke, and they also D.J. throughout the weekend.

"The talent show allows the youth to show their stuff and build their confidence. There are several talented adults as well in the Valley that otherwise would not have a chance to show off their talents," said Mrs. Whitfield.

The Whitfields became a part of the Valley by coincidence. One day in 1995 they happened to be driving through Cave Junction on their way to Brookings, where they planned on buying property to retire on, and ended up falling in love with the beauty of the Valley. They immediately purchased land out in O'Brien and have been there ever since.

"I retired on a Friday; we

were married that Saturday, and moved to O'Brien on Sunday. It was the busiest weekend I can remember," said Mrs. Whitfield, chuckling at the memory.

Between the two they have four children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Whitfield retired as a director of missile defense program, spending 35 years sending rockets into space. Mrs. Whitfield retired after 36 years working for Lockheed Martin as a security division manager, specializing in space and aircraft.

"If wasn't for Donna, the talent show wouldn't exist. It is very hard to put such a show together. Donna does a wonderful job," said Steve Culver, president of the I.V. Lions. "Wayne has contributed so much for the scholarship program. He brought around \$5,000 his first year involved with the program and has done so every year after that."

Lions Club International specializes in helping low income people with sight and hearing needs, such as

glasses and hearing aids. Local clubs have members interview people that need help; the help is based on income and other stipulations. The interview is brought to the board and a decision is made if the person and or persons qualify.

"Very rarely is someone turned down for help, most often help is given," Culver said.

The Labor Day Festival is set to start on August 31 and go through September 2 at Jubilee Park. There are an abundance of activities scheduled for the weekend. Tuff Truck races will run on Saturday and Sunday at noon. The talent show will be held throughout the weekend with juniors performing on Saturday, intermediates competing on Sunday, and adults will perform Monday. There will also be plenty vendors on hand, live music, and many more activities to provide entertainment to children and adults alike.

Application Deadline Extended for Southern Oregon Guild's Artoberfest

Artists can still apply for entry to the Southern Oregon Guild's unique fall art fair, Artoberfest, through Thursday, August 22.

The small, intimate, indoor fair will be held Friday through Sunday, October 18, 19 and 20 in conjunction with the 6th annual Valley Girls' Quilt Show in the Illinois Valley. Application can be made online at <http://southernoregonguild.org> or by calling 541-659-3858 for a paper application form.

Now in its second year, Artoberfest is a juried show and welcomes all visual and functional art forms. Judges Janet Higgins and Mike Murphy will look for excellence and creativity in conception, execution and presentation as well as a balance of media.

Show Design is Unique

The design of Artoberfest's booth layout and decor, created by Guild member and

set designer, Jean Robertson, is unique among art fairs. The absence of canopies, a variety of booth sizes, a meandering path that leads through the artists' displays, and splashes of fall color everywhere create a feast for the senses and a friendly, intimate experience for artists and visitors alike.

We work with all accepted artists to mutually decide on optimal shape, size and location of their booths. Booth size options are 25 sq. ft., 50 sq ft., and 80-100 sq. ft. with the shape of booth footprints flexible rather than automatically determined by a rigid structure like a commercial canopy. Booth fees are \$35, \$50 and \$75, respectively. Artists may share booth space but each individual must apply separately.

This booth plan offers some interesting opportunities. For example, an artist could

select at 25 sq. ft. space and create a strong vertical display structure such as a triangle of grid walls for just \$35 for the three-day show and still present a large inventory of work. Or, an organization could represent both itself and several of its individual members by sharing a larger space. This would also allow the artists to split coverage of the booth over the three days, assuming that each member is accepted by the jury. Sharing a booth is also an option for artists with smaller inventories.

Artist Friendly, Well Advertised

For artists who do not have effective display units or who have never participated in an art fair, the Guild can provide both design consultation and some display equipment such as tables, grid walls and easels. Some excellent artists who could easily pass a jury are hesitant to try art fairs. Artoberfest is a truly artist-

friendly show for everyone from show beginners to professionals.

The Southern Oregon Guild advertises Artoberfest extensively throughout southern Oregon and northern California. The Valley Girls' Quilt Show does so as well. The combination creates a celebration of the arts that brings a large buying public to the Illinois Valley during this fall weekend.

A Prospectus about Artoberfest and an online application are available at <http://southernoregonguild.org>. A free class on Applying for & Setting Up at an Art Fair will be offered Monday, August 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Guild, 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby. Call 541-592-5019 to register.



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